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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: BRITISH TALK TO FOURIE

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1. AFTER MEETING OF CONTACT RROUP TODAY, RICHARDSON (UK)  
MET SEPARATELY WITH AMBASSADOR MCHENRY TO HAND OVER SAG RESPONSE  
TO POINTS RAISED BY GRAHAM DURING FOURIE VISIT TO LONDON  
(REFTEL A). RICHARDSON INDICATED THAT UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON  
WAS ALSO PASSING PAPER.

2. COMMENT FOLLOWS TEXT.

3. QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

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1. EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE NOT TO ANNOUNCE DATE OF SOUTH WEST  
AFRICA ELECTIONS BEFORE OPINING OF SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT:  
2. SUBSTITUTION OF THE WORD QUOTE BASES UNQUOTE BY THE WORDS QUOTE  
POINTS FOR PROTECTION OF INSTALLATIONS, STORAGE AND LOGISTIC  
POINTS UNQUOTE ACCEPTABLE:  
3. NO OBJECTION TO INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH REPRESENT-  
ATIVE(S) OF SECRETARY-GENERAL RE NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL, WHERE

THEY WOULD BE STATIONED ETC. (IN LONDON IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THIS COULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH AMBASSADOR MURRAY). THIS COULD PERHAPS TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK IN COURSE OF MINISTER BOTHA'S VISIT APPROXIMATELY JANUARY 17:

4. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE IIEA THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, IN CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF SECRETARY-GENERAL AND PANEL OF LAWYERS APPOINTED BY ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, TO TAKE OVER REVIEWING OF CASES OF DETAINEES AND THOSE CONVICTED BY COURTS. HOWEVER THE QUESTION ARISES WHO WILL REVIEW THE CASES OF ANY INDIVIDUALS HELD BY SWAPO AND WHOM THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO RELEASE.  
END TEXT. UNQUOTE.

4. COMMENT: GRAHAM'S PROPOSALS TO FOURIE WERE NAIVE AND UNHELPFUL. THEY PROVIDE ANOTHER POINT WHICH SOUTH AFRICA CAN CITE IN THEIR PUBLIC RECORD OF HOW FORTHCOMING THEY HAVE BEEN. AT THE SAME TIME THE PROPOSALS DO NOT MOVE THE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD.

(1) WE SHOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE DISCUSSING AN ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT DATE WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS; WE SHOULD BE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THE UNILATERAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF A DATE IS UNACCEPTABLE AND IS NO LESS ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE WE WERE INFORMED.

(2) AS WE HAVE ALREADY COMMENTED (REFTEL B), PLAYING SEMATIC GAMES WITH MILITARY BASES WILL NOT GET AN AGREEMENT. WE SHOULD NOT IMPLY THAT WE WOULD ENGAGE IN SUCH  
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TACTICS.

(3) WE DOUBT THAT THE SYG WILL OR SHOULD ENGAGE IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SAG OFFICIALS PRIOR TO AN AGREEMENT. USUALLY CAUTIOUS SYG WOULD SEE SAG EFFORT TO USE SUCH AN APPROACH TO CO-OPT THE SYG JUST AS IT SEEKS TO CO-OPT THE CONTACT GROUP.

(4) WE SEE NO POSSIBILITY THAT SWAPO, WHOSE OPPOSITION TO ANY SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS LEADS TO SWAPO REJECTION OF PANEL OF JURISTS, WOULD  
BUY SAG DOMINANCE AS PROPOSED BY GRAHAM.

5. ON THE WHOLE, WE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SOME WAY OF DISASSOCIATING THE CONTACT GROUP FROM THESE PROPOSALS. AT A MINIMUM WE SHOULD INSIST THAT THE BRITISH INFORM OTHER CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS.  
MCHENRY

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